MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether it is not a fact that there is a preponderance of Brahmin clerks in that office?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is a new question. The question already put is whether, owing to the disproportionate preponderance of Brahmins, the interests of officers belonging to other communities are not properly safeguarded. That question has been answered. Whether there is preponderance or not is a new question.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether there is a large number of Brahmins?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information has to be called for.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I have already sent a similar question along with this but it was not answered.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to that question is not given because the information has not yet reached the Government.

Preference to Persons who have passed the Account Test Examination.

386. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Do the Government insist on the heads of departments giving due preference in the matter of promotions, etc., to persons who have passed the Account Test Examination?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): The answer is "Yes." In connection with the two vacancies that occurred recently in the office of the Director of Public Instruction, may I know the name, service and qualifications of the clerks recommended for the post?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I am unable to give the information.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the names and service of the clerks who applied for it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have not got the names of the clerks.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are the Government aware that there is a Government notification, No. 1422/23, dated the 2nd November, 1923, regarding the Account Test Examination? May I know why this rule was not strictly enforced in the matter of appointments?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not admit that it was not enforced.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know whether the Government will make an enquiry into these two appointments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Will the Member be pleased to let me know to which two appointments he refers?

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Two vacancies recently occurred in the office of the Director of Public Instruction in the Rs. 75-100 grade. The vacancies happened to be that of non-Brahmins. But these were replaced by two Brahmins.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I shall make an enquiry.

Co-ordination of the Development Departments.

387. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Are the Government aware that there is a general dissatisfaction at the working of the Development Departments under separate heads without any co-ordination, and if so, do they propose to work them under one common Directing Agency?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The question is covered by a resolution which has been ballotted for discussion at this meeting. The Government do not therefore propose to answer this question.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I ask the Chief Secretary what is the nature of the disability that prevents the Government from giving an answer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The whole question will be discussed here to-day. Therefore it is not necessary to give the answer.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): My question is, "Are the Government aware that there is a general dissatisfaction at the working of the Development Departments under separate heads without any co-ordination." Are they aware or not aware?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The matter will come up in the course of the discussion and therefore I thought it is not necessary to anticipate the reply.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is it a direct answer to my question?

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